



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 854rd meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Connellsville Lodge #503 on Sunday, October 20, 2013. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

## NEWS

### OFFICERS 2013—2014

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

### State President Visit

State President Terry Liersaph of Cranberry Lodge and wife Pat will visit the Southwest District at the meeting in Connellsville on Sunday, October 20th.

On Saturday, October 19th there will be a reception at Connellsville Lodge at approximately 5:00 PM. A full steak dinner will be available from 5:30—8:00 PM at a cost of \$10.95.



available to the first 500 Lodges that apply to hold an eligible youth event.

• Impact Grants. Competitive grants of up to \$10,000 designed to help Lodges make a visible, significant and ongoing difference in their communities.

Community Investments Program grants offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

Visit [www.elks.org/enf/community](http://www.elks.org/enf/community) to learn more about Community Investments Program grants.

### Elk Grants

When members of your community think of the Elks, what comes to mind? When your Lodge uses Elks National Foundation Community Investments Program grants effectively, your community will look to the Elks as leaders in service. The ENF Community Investments Program, the Foundation's largest program, invests \$8.5 million in Elks communities through Lodge grants that help Elks meet local needs. Here is a breakdown of available grants.

• Beacon Grants. \$2,000 grants available to all Elks Lodges for an ongoing, charitable, Elks-driven community project.

• Gratitude Grants. \$2,000 grants available to Lodges that meet the National President's per member goal for giving to the ENF. These grants can be used to serve a variety of community needs.

• Promise Grants. \$2,000 grants

- We are sad to report the passing of PSP John Davidson of Tarentum Lodge.
- Local Soccer Shoots should be completed by October 19th, The District competition is scheduled for November 16th with the State competition scheduled for December 14th.
- Home Service contributions were received from Charleroi (\$200), Norwin (\$1050), Scottdale (\$3000) and Donora Lodges (\$1000).
- A Legacy Trust Fund certificate was presented to PSP Ron & Donna Hawkins for a contribution in memory of PSP John Davidson.
- ENF contributions were received from Charleroi Lodge (\$200) and Norwin Lodge (\$2500).
- The theme for the 2013-2014 Americanism Essay contest is "What Does Veteran's Day Mean to Me?" Participants must be in grades five through eight and the deadline to local Lodges is January 10, 2014.
- The theme for the Drug Awareness Poster and Essay contests is "Down With Drugs, Up With Awareness." The poster contest is for grades 3,4 and 5 and the essay contest is for grades 6, 7 and 8. Essays and posters must be turned in to local Lodges by January 17th.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 20..... Connellsville  
November 17..... Canonsburg  
January 19 ..... Norwin  
March 16 ..... Scottdale  
April 20..... Monongahela

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